

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Kindly amend Claim 1 as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for clamping a saw blade ~~[[to]]~~ in a reciprocating power tool having a motor ~~[[fan]]~~ for receiving a reciprocating shaft comprising: a reciprocable power tool shaft, the power tool shaft having two ends, one end for coupling with the motor in the power tool and the other end including a retaining member on which a blade for clamping may be mounted; the retaining member having a member for engaging the blade, said engaging member having a desired configuration such that upon rotation of said retaining member, said engaging member is rotated changing angular orientation of said engaging member, said engaging member rotates the blade changing the orientation of the blade in a plane of the blade, said retaining member lockable in at least two positions, each of the at least two positions clamping the blade at a predetermined angle relative to the shaft.

2. (Previously presented) An arrangement according to claim 1, further including restraining means for restraining movement of the blade, in a direction perpendicular to a line of reciprocation of the shaft, when the blade is clamped.

3. (Original) An arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the retaining member comprises a pin normally biased into a first position and which pin is moveable into a

second position.

4. (Original) An arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the pin carries a lug having a predetermined shape, which lug is arranged to co-operate with a correspondingly shaped recess.

5. (Original) An arrangement according to claim 4, wherein the pin may rotate about an axis such that when the lug is rotationally aligned with the recess, the biasing action causes the lug to fit within the recess thereby preventing further rotation of the pin about the axis.

6. (Original) An arrangement according to claim 5 wherein, when the lug is within the recess, the retaining member is locked.

7. (Previously presented) An arrangement according to claim 4, wherein said blade for clamping is mounted on the lug.

8. (Original) An arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the restraining means comprises a plurality of arms depending from the shaft.

9. (Previously presented) An arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of arms are arranged in pairs and said blade for clamping is positioned between said pair of arms when clamped.

10. (Previously presented) An arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the saw blade further comprising:

a main body portion; a shank extending from the main body portion; and a mounting hole formed in the shank to enable operative coupling of the saw blade to the retaining member,

the saw blade mounting hole extends in two dimensions, a length of extent in one dimension being greater than a length of the extent in the other dimension, and wherein the one dimension extends generally perpendicularly with respect to the other dimension.

11. (Original) An arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the shank is integral with the body portion.

12. (Original) An arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the mounting hole is formed within the body of the saw blade and does not touch any peripheral surface of the saw blade.

13. (Original) An arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the mounting hole is rectangular, oval or elliptical in shape.

14. (Previously presented) An arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the length of extent is greater for the dimension parallel with a line of action of the saw

blade in use than for a dimension perpendicular with the line of action of the saw blade in use.

15. (Previously presented) A reciprocating saw comprising a housing, a motor contained in said housing and a reciprocating shaft driven by said motor, said shaft including a blade mount, said blade mount further comprising:

- a first wall having a recess formed therein;

- a pin disposed through said first wall at a location of said recess and having a lug formed on one end thereof, said lug having a shape corresponding to that of said recess, said pin biased with said lug received in said recess with respect to said first wall, said pin movable against said bias to move said lug out of said recess with respect to said first wall, said pin secured against rotation while said lug is received in said recess and said pin rotatable when said lug is moved out of said recess with respect to said first wall;

- and a second wall disposed adjacent to and spaced from said first wall.

16. (Original) The saw recited in claim 15 further comprising a saw blade having shank with a hole formed therein, said hole corresponding in shape to the shape of said lug, wherein said blade may be mounted on said blade mount by moving said lug out of said recess, placing said hole over said lug, and rotating said blade such that said walls flank said shank.

17. (Previously presented) The saw recited in claim 16, said lug being blocked against being received in said recess in at least one position of rotation of said pin, said second wall not extending adjacent said first wall at the location of said pin.

18. (Original) The saw recited in claim 17, wherein said shape is non-circular.

19. (Original) The saw recited in claim 18, wherein said shape is oval.